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SUBJECT: ANGOLA: OAU CM AND SUMMIT DATES

REF: ADDIS ABABA 14331, 14426 AND 14479

1. OAU A/SEC GEN KAMANDA TELLS US DEC. 16 THAT RESPONSES TO LATEST OAU SECRETARIAT POLL ON PREFERENCES OF MEMBER GOVERNMENTS FOR ALTERNATIVE ANGOLA CM AND SUMMIT DATES CURRENTLY STAND AT 10 FAVORING JANUARY, 2 FAVORING DECEMBER AND 2 LEANING TO DECEMBER BUT PREPARED GO ALONG WITH MAJORITY IF LATTER FAVORS JANUARY DATE.

2. OAU SECRETARIAT HAS ALREADY URGED SEVERAL DELEGATIONS PREPARING TO LEAVE FOR ADDIS DEC. 19 CM TO HOLD OFF, VIEW LOPSIDED RESPONSE IN FAVOR OF JANUARY MEETINGS ALREADY RECEIVED. AS ANY DECISION IN FAVOR OF PROCEEDING WITH ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED DEC. 19 CM WOULD HAVE TO REACH WEST AFRICAN GOVERNMENTS NLT DEC. 17 TO PERMIT FONMINS TO GET HERE IN TIME, IT NOW APPEARS VERY LIKELY THAT
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DEC. 19 CM NO RPT NO LONGER VIABLE ALTERNATIVE.

2. RISKS OF FURTHER DEFECTIONS FROM RANKS OF THOSE WHO
HAVE ADHERED TO OAU LINE TO THOSE RECOGNIZING MPLA SEEMS
LIKELY TO GROW IF OAU CM AND SUMMIT POSTPONED TO JANUARY
OR OTHERWISE PUT IN QUESTION. IMMINENCE OF CM AND SUMMIT
HAD MADE IT EASY FOR FENCE-SITTERS TO RESIST PRO-MPLA
PRESSURES. THEY COULD POINT TO OAU CONSENSUS HOPEFULLY
TO EMERGE FROM THESE MEETINGS AND STATE THEIR INTENTION
TO ABIDE BY IT. THIS NOW SOMEWHAT MORE DIFFICULT.
KHARTOUM'S 2905 JUST RECEIVED MAY ILLUSTRATE THE POINT.
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